

Mines of the County

A. I. Richardson is working a force of men on the Gold Valley mining property, near Silver Creek. The shaft will be sunk to a depth of one hundred feet on a fine showing of ore.

Charles E. Price, owner of rich copper property in the region of the famous old McCracken mine, is in Kingman, having been called here from Signal by some litigation pending at the forthcoming term of the District Court.

Report comes from the De la Fontaine, Stockton Hill, that another rich strike of galena ore has been made in one of the winzes on that property. In all the openings rich lead ore has been found. In the drifts from the new winzes there is six feet of ore that will run better than forty per cent lead.

The big roaster at the Vanderbilt mill is almost completed. It is one of the old White and Howell make and is designed to oxidize the zinc ores of the Idaho mine. As soon as the roaster is connected up with the mill it will be put in commission and the ores oxidized by it will be cleaned on magnetic separator.

All the carpenter work on the Oro Plata mill building has been completed and now the management is awaiting the arrival of some necessary machinery before putting the plant into commission. The machinery was shipped from Kansas City more than six weeks ago. The mill is designed to work the ores of the Oro Plata mines and effect a high saving of values.

H. M. Bowen and a number of the shareholders of the Arizona Silver-Lead mining company arrived from Los Angeles yesterday morning. They will go out to the P. K. mines, in LXL Basin today to make an examination of the property with a view to working it on an extensive scale. The mines show big bodies of lead-silver ores, which have been opened to water level, below which point little work has been done, although the present work contemplates the sinking of the shaft to a depth of several hundred feet. Sinking is now in progress and the ore found in the bottom is far better than that in the crosscut and older workings above.

Charles Sutro and J. F. Littlefield arrived from San Francisco last Tuesday and departed the following day to the Pyramid mill and mines, where they made an examination of the Catherine and other properties. They were accompanied by W. C. Howard, general manager of the mines and returned to Kingman yesterday. They have concluded to stop work on the properties for the present to arrange for the installation of heavier machinery, which is to be operated electrically. The mines are among the largest gold properties of the county. Messrs. Sutro and Littlefield departed to their homes last evening. Mr. Hofer, who has been superintendent of the property the past two years, will probably go to Mexico during the winter.

The Virgin oil fields in northern Mohave county and Southern Utah, are booming just now. One well has been completed, eight are drilling and two rigs are on the way from Lund to the field, while a dozen or more have been ordered. Within two months at least twenty wells will have been sunk into the oil sand. Tests of the oil, recently made at Salt Lake, show it to be one of the best fuel oil on the market. It is said that the tests show it to be far better than the California grades, combustion being more perfect with the ordinary burners and giving off a greater amount of heat than either the Coalinga or Los Angeles oils with the best improved appliances. In the test no smoke showed above the stack and the people of Salt Lake were delighted, believing that this oil would solve the problem of smoke nuisance in that city. As soon as the field has been proved sufficiently a railroad will be built into the field either by the Clark or Moffat interests. A good grade can be had by way of Lund, which is now the nearest point to the proven field from the Clark road. Many companies are organizing and before winter is over the Virgin River oil field will be one of the busiest places on the Pacific coast. Many people in this county own lands in that section and believe they have a bonanza in sight.

Charles Stiles, B. D. Andrews and C. H. Stewart, of Camden and William Jones, of Medford, New Jersey, arrived in Kingman Sunday evening last on their way to Cerbat, whence they departed the following morning. The gentlemen made an examination of the Golden Gem mine and mill and were well pleased with the good work being done there. They are heavy shareholders in the company operating the properties and it is understood that they will report to the company the advisability of sinking the shaft on the Golden Gem mine at least two hundred feet deeper.

The board of directors of the Benedictine Mining company, accompanied by the company's attorneys, were in Kingman a few days ago looking after interests that are now tried up in a legal tangle. It was understood that the company would pay up its entire indebtedness at this time, but no payment was made. It is probable that the company will meet its obligations some time in the future, but the creditors are not able to wait and will probably press their suits to a conclusion at this term of court. The company carries on its mining business in a rather profligate way and soon became involved in debt. It has excellent mines to work on and had they been operated in the proper manner there is no doubt that they would have made a big winning.

Owing to the washing out of the water line from Little Meadows to Goldroad and the inability to get oil over the road, the Gold Road company suspended the operation of the big mill Wednesday last. It is expected that before starting up again many changes will be made in the plant and it will be modernized and electrified. An immense electric compressor has been ordered for the mine and other necessary electric machinery was ordered some months ago. It is believed that a great stamp mill will take the place of the present pressure filters and better and more economical work will be obtained. To put the pulp in proper shape a big tube mill will be installed, which will handle two hundred or more tons of ore daily, the entire plant to have a treatment capacity of more than 300 tons every twenty-four hours. The company is financially able to carry out the contemplated changes and reforms in the mill and mines and when rehabilitated the property will be on a more economical basis than any gold property in the territory of Arizona.

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J. L. Witney, who is at the head of the new McCracken company, is in Los Angeles attending to important business connected with the affairs of the company. It is understood that the first payment on the properties was made in Los Angeles about the 12th of this month. Affairs are arranging themselves at the mines for the employment of a large number of men, the necessary buildings being assembled and all the men applying being put to work. This week two white steamers were received at Yuma for use between that place and the mines. A good road will be built in, later to be followed by a railroad to the properties.

Rev. Father Vabre arrived in Kingman a few days ago, this being his first visit since returning from his trip around the world.

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Calanthe Temple of Pythian Sisters of Kingman announce that they will give a grand masquerade ball in Elks Hall, Kingman, on Thanksgiving evening, Thursday, November 28th. Costumes will be on display some time prior to the ball, notice of which will appear later. The event is expected to be one of the most enjoyable of the season.

The dance for the benefit of the Kingman Brass Band is to take place at Elks' Hall on the evening of October 22. Everybody in the town should patronize the boys and help them in the good work.

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